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Applicants: George K. Porter et al.
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Title: ATOMIZER
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Examiner: Charles S. Bushey
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement stated in Paper No. 8 mailed on July 8, 2003, for the application identified above, applicants respond as follows. Applicants appreciate the opportunity given its counsel, Benjamin E. Leace, to discuss the restriction requirement in a telephone interview during August of this year.

Applicants respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

The Office Action requires applicants to elect a single disclosed species from each of the listed groups below; i.e. one manifold species and one atomizer species, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action has grouped the patentable distinct genus and species as follows:

Manifold Species:

Species M1 : Single Sided Manifold, Figs. 2-7; and
Species M2 : Multisided Manifold, Fig. 8;

Atomizer Species:

Species A : Fig. 12; and
Species A2 : Fig. 13.

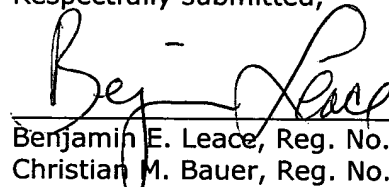
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that (1) there is no species of manifold claimed in the present application and (2) the independent claims recite elements found in both Fig. 12 and Fig. 13, thereby negating the requirement of electing one of the atomizer species denoted in the Office Action as A and A2.

First, upon review of the claims, no claim is directed towards a manifold. The application, contains 20 claims. Claims 1, 4, 10 and 17 are independent. Claims 2-3 depend from claim 1. Claims 5-9 depend from claim 4. Claims 18-20 depend from claim 17. All of the independent claim recite "An atomizer for combining." Because none of the claims are directed to a manifold, applicants respectfully traverse the Office Action requirement to elect claims directed to a manifold.

Second, applicants traverse the Office Action requirement for an election of a species of atomizer. Fig. 13 includes the atomizer of Fig. 12, particularly, gas input side (82), mixture side (88), liquid inlet (80), mixing slot (62) and mixing point (66). Fig. 12 and Fig 13 are but different embodiments of the same disclosed subject matter, varying in breadth and scope. In view of the above remarks, applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the Office Action restriction requirement with regards to a species of atomizer.

The Examiner is invited to call the applicant's undersigned representative if any further explanation will expedite the prosecution of the application, or if the Examiner has any suggestions or questions concerning the application or the present response.

Respectfully submitted,


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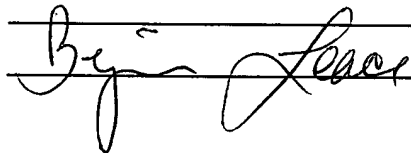
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Independent Claims		-3**		= 0		X	
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